

EXPRESS MAIL MAILING LABEL  
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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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Application No.: Unknown

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amendment

For: A DIAGNOSTIC TEST FOR INFECTION  
WITH A SPIROCHETE BORNE BY  
AMBLYOMMA AMERICANUM

Group Art Unit: Unknown

Examiner: Unknown

Atty. Dkt. No.: UTSK:352USC1/MRK

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this Preliminary Amendment in the above-referenced case.

Consideration of this case in view of the amendments made herein is respectfully requested.

**A. AMENDMENT**

**1. In the Specification:**

At page 2, before the paragraph beginning at line 4, insert the following paragraph into the specification: